

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A mounting assembly for a liquid waste discharge line for evacuating waste liquid from a blood treatment apparatus, said liquid waste discharge line comprising a discharge nozzle having a tube connector adjacent a free end thereof, said mounting assembly comprising:

a connector member configured to frictionally engage engageable with within a tubular opening of the tube connector of the discharge nozzle; and

a suction cup detachably secured to the connector member, said suction cup being configured for detachable mounting on a rim of a sink or other waste receptor for supporting the discharge nozzle at a pre-determined distance above the sink or other waste receptor.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The mounting assembly of Claim 1, wherein said connector member comprises an elongated rod having a first portion configured to engage engageable with the tube connector, a second middle portion extending at an angle to the first portion and a third portion engaging the suction cup.

Claim 3 (original) The mounting assembly of Claim 2, wherein the middle portion extends at an angle of at least ninety degrees in relation to a longitudinal axis of the first portion.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The mounting assembly of Claim 2, wherein said suction cup has a an enlarged top knob, a dome-shaped cup part and a reduced diameter neck connecting the knob to the cup part.

Claim 5 (original) The mounting assembly of Claim 4, wherein said third portion has a hook-shaped configuration, said third portion wrapping about at least a portion of the neck of the suction cup.

Claim 6 (original) The mounting assembly of Claim 2, wherein said first portion of the connector member has a longitudinal dimension sufficient to retain an opening of the discharge nozzle at a pre-determined distance above an opening of the sink or other waste receptor.

Claim 7 (original) The mounting assembly of Claim 2, wherein said first portion of the connector member has a longitudinal dimension of at least 0.5" (1.25cm).

Claim 8 (original) The mounting assembly of Claim 2, wherein said middle portion has a longitudinal dimension at least equal to a radial dimension of the suction cup.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A mounting assembly for a liquid waste discharge line for evacuating waste from a medical treatment apparatus, said liquid waste discharge line comprising a discharge nozzle with a discharge opening and a ~~tube~~ tubular connector carried by the discharge nozzle, said mounting assembly comprising:

a connector member detachably engageable with the tube connector of the discharge nozzle, said connector member comprising a first portion configured to frictionally engage within the tubular engageable with the tube connector, a second portion extending at an angle to

the first portion and a third portion unitary formed with the second portion and forming a hook-shaped attachment member; and

a suction cup detachably secured to the hook-shaped attachment member, said suction cup being configured for detachable mounting on a rim of a sink or other waste receptor for supporting the discharge nozzle at a pre-determined distance above the sink or other waste receptor.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The mounting assembly of Claim 9, wherein said suction cup has a an enlarged top knob, a dome-shaped cup part and a reduced diameter neck connecting the knob to the cup part, and wherein said hook-shaped attachment member wraps about at least a part of the circumference of the neck portion.

Claim 11 (original) The mounting assembly of Claim 9, wherein the second portion extends at an angle of at least ninety degrees in relation to a longitudinal axis of the first portion.

Claim 12 (original) The mounting assembly of Claim 9, wherein the second portion extends at an obtuse angle in relation to a longitudinal axis of the first portion.

Claim 13 (original) The mounting assembly of Claim 9, wherein said first portion of the connector member has a longitudinal dimension sufficient to retain the discharge opening of the discharge nozzle at a pre-determined distance above an opening of the sink or other waste receptor.

Claim 14 (original) The mounting assembly of Claim 9, wherein said first portion of the connector member has a longitudinal dimension of at least 0.5" (1.25cm), and said second portion has a longitudinal dimension at least equal to a radial dimension of the suction cup.

Claim 15 (currently amended) A method of supporting a liquid waste discharge line for evacuating waste from a medical treatment apparatus, said liquid waste discharge line comprising a discharge nozzle with a discharge opening and a ~~tube~~ tubular connector carried by the discharge nozzle, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a connector member and a suction cup attached to the connector member;

securing one end of the connector member to the ~~tube~~ tubular connector of the discharge nozzle such that the one end of the connector member frictionally firmly engages within the tubular connector ; and

mounting the suction cup on a rim of a waste receptor such that the discharge opening extends a distance above the waste receptor, thereby supporting the discharge nozzle on the waste receptor and facilitating evacuation of liquid waste from the medical treatment apparatus directly into the waste receptor.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The method of Claim 15, further comprising the steps of providing the connector member with a first portion configured to frictionally engage within the tubular engageable with the tube connector, a second portion extending at an angle to the first portion and a third portion attachable to a top of the suction cup.

Claim 17 (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of providing the first portion of a longitudinal dimension sufficient to elevate the discharge opening of the discharge nozzle to a pre-determined distance above a rim of the waste receptor.

Claim 18 (original) The method of Claim 16, further comprising the step of forming the second portion of the connector member of sufficient dimensions at least equal to radial dimension of the suction cup.

Claim 19 (new) The method of Claim 15, further comprising the step of providing said suction cup with an enlarged top knob, a dome-shaped cup part and a reduced diameter neck connecting the knob to the cup part, and wherein said hook-shaped attachment member wraps about at least a part of the circumference of the neck portion such that the top knob prevents disengagement of the hook-shaped attachment member from the neck.